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Unity festival to be held on campus

By JAMEYA PORTER
Online Editor

For the first time in history, A&T will host the first annual National Black Unity Festival. Chris "Amari" Bass, Wayne Carey, Orrin Bynes, Wesley Morris and Leo Breckenridge are the three A&T students who

founded and organized the festival. The event is a way "to bring Black folks together for a day to address some current issues affecting our people right now," according to Carey, who is president of the A&T History Club. Breckenridge, the sophomore class president and incoming attorney general, said that the festival's purpose is also to "unify

historically black colleges and universities and also make them socially responsible for some things going on in our community." Breckenridge said that information about such issues as the Voting Rights Act and Greensboro school closings will be shared with attendees. "A lot of the same information

that we were given when we went to the Movement in October will be given at this event," he added, referring to the 10-year Million Man March anniversary follow-up event that took place in Washington, D.C. last fall. The festival, which will be held on April 29 in the Holland Bowl, from 1-6:30 p.m., is the result of a combination of visions.

Carey said that the idea was created in general discussion with Bass about "Black Hour," an idea that would have students travel the campus, informing large amounts of students about important issues with the use of a bullhorn. "It obviously escalated into something else," Carey said. He said that the festival was

kind of like the 'people's' idea. "We (eventually) started calling it a 'rally' instead because so many people were talking about coming. It just kept growing, and we started talking about entertainment and vendors; and we just started calling it a festival." Breckenridge said that the

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Repairs shuffle '06 classes Gibbs, Barnes and Frazier will close.

By CHAD ROBERTS
Copy Desk Chief

Up, down and all around might be the best way to describe next year's buildings, classes and office space for next year.

What's up? That would be the New Science Building. It currently houses the chemistry and psychology departments.

What's down? Gibbs, Barnes and Frazier halls. Those buildings are scheduled to be renovated during the summer.

And while those buildings are closed for repairs, classes will be distributed all around campus, according to David Aldridge, the assistant dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

"Classes will be wherever we can find space appropriate for the size of the class," Aldridge said. "Students will have a harder time getting classes, I think."

Frazier Hall is scheduled to move its classes and office space on May 15. Gibbs Hall will move its offices and classrooms on July 25. Barnes Hall moves July 27.

The political science and criminal justice offices will move from Gibbs Hall into office space in the New Classroom Building, along with the history department offices. The sociology and social work department will move into available office space in Craig Hall, which currently houses the School of Business.

The biology department will temporarily move into the third floor of Hines Hall.

"It's not the ideal situation, but we will have to make it work for a year," said Doretha Foushee, a biology professor.

The music department, which includes the A&T marching band, might be affected the most by the renovations. One possibility, Aldridge said, is to move the music department to North Campus, which is about 20 minutes away from A&T's main campus. In that scenario, A&T would provide shuttles to transport students between the main campus and the North Campus.

The North Campus is the former site of the N.C. School for the Deaf, located in Browns Summit. A&T operates the facility jointly with UNC-Greensboro.

Gibbs was built in 1926 and was named after the fourth president of A&T. Barnes Hall was built in 1967 and named for an alumnus who practiced dentistry in Greensboro. Frazier Hall was built in 1961 and named in honor of Robert H. Frazier, the former chairman of the A&T Board of Trustees.

Former UNC system President Molly Broad called Hines Hall the "poster child" for the \$3.1 billion bond referendum that state voters passed, which gave A&T \$153.8 million for construction.

Hines Hall is not scheduled for renovation.

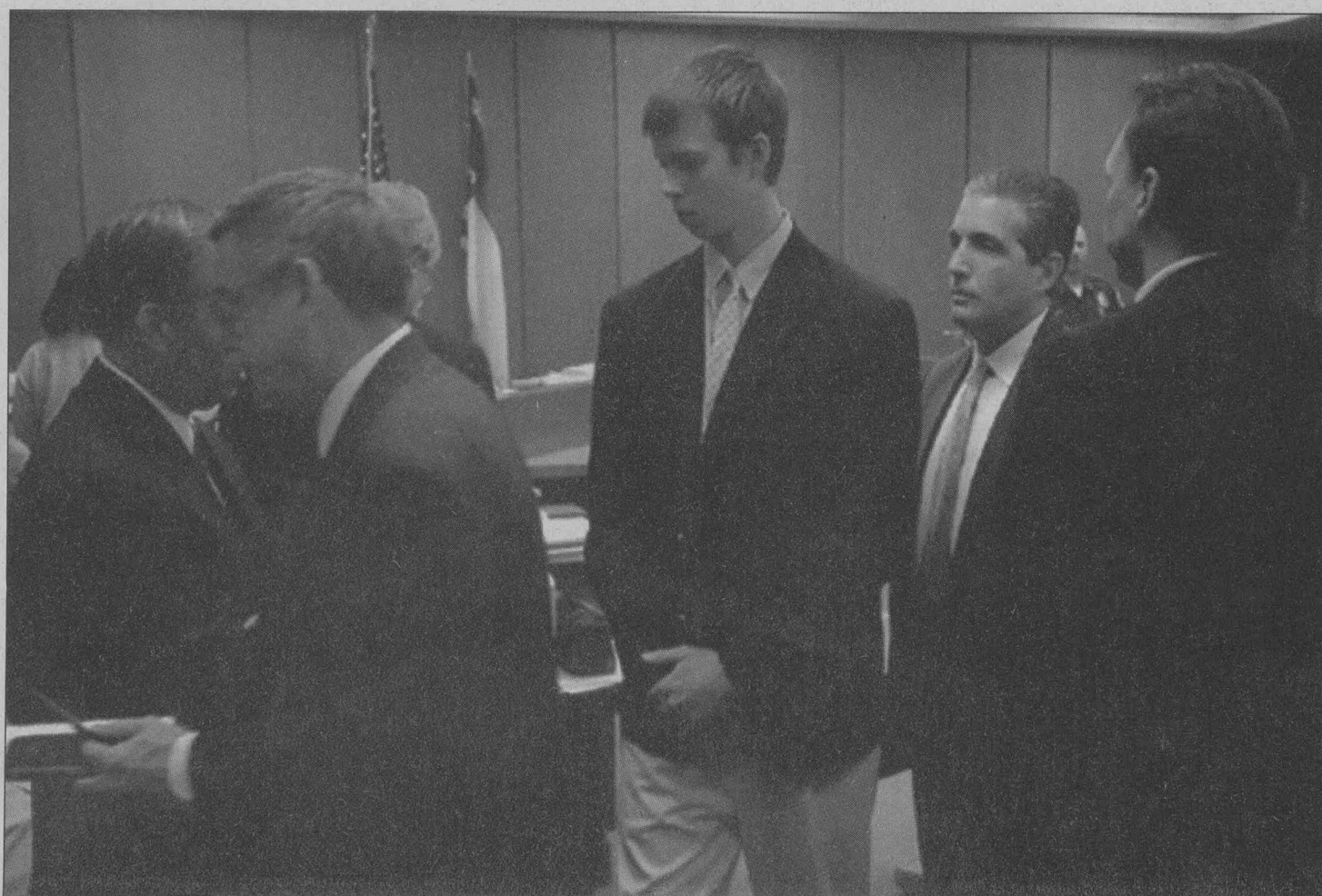


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Duke lacrosse player Collin Finnerty (center) walks to the front of the courtroom to begin his preliminary hearing at the Durham County Judicial Building Tuesday morning, April 18, 2006, in Durham, North Carolina. Collin Finnerty along with teammate Reade Seligmann have been arrested on charges from a March 13, 2006 incident involving the alleged rape of an exotic dancer.

'TIME' for change Students want to fight injustice

By MIKE MCCRAY
Photographer

Almost six weeks after the alleged rape of an exotic dancer by Duke Lacrosse players, A&T students are joining together with NCCU for positive change.

T.I.M.E. (Taking Initiative Moving Efficiently) is the brain

child of Curtis Walls and Derrick Beasley, both members of the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. The two hope to form a cohesive unit between college campuses and organizations for the cause of justice in eradicating issues of inequality in the community through continued networking and direct action.

Walls said that the idea for the organization came from a need to address the today's problems.

"Originally it started off with our campus, based on the Duke and Central incident, I started thinking about the whole case and basically just a whole bunch of other things," he said. "I talked to some other people and came up with an idea of trying to

do something to respond to the injustices of our day."

The biggest thing to remember about T.I.M.E. is that their cause isn't race. Walls added that T.I.M.E.'s main concern is not race issues.

"Wrong is wrong and we're against that."

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A&T kickboxer goes global

By DARRICK IGNASIAK
Sports Reporter

It takes most kickboxers three years to do what Dedrick "Deejay" Jones II, a senior print journalism major, has done in one year.

In this time span, he has won three championships. Yet, at first he wanted to compete as a boxer. His trainers, Frank Price and Ron Chewning, had another idea.

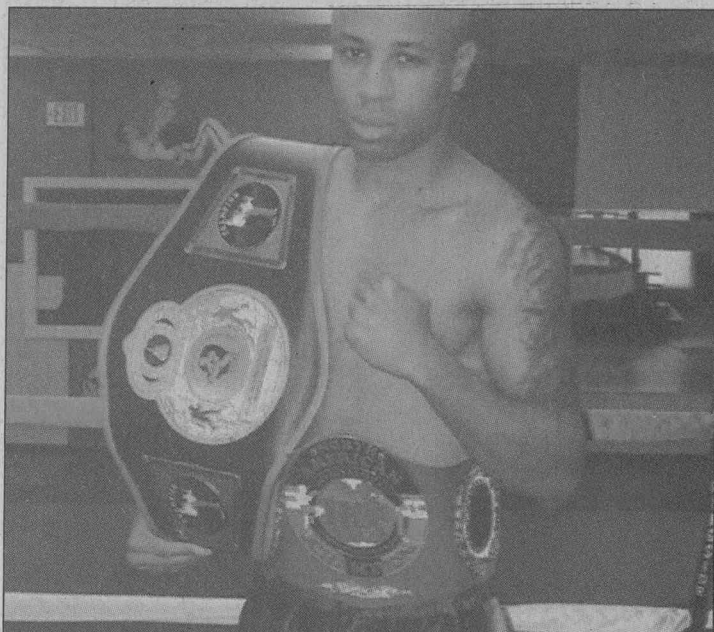
"When he first came in, he started boxing," Chewning said, a trainer at Sportsplex Gym in Kernersville, N.C. where Jones trains. "He boxed a few matches, and he didn't do to well. We started to put his feet together."

On April 8, Jones traveled to Liverpool, England to compete

for the International Kickboxing Federation's (IKF) Amateur International Rules Lightweight World Title. At 5-foot-6 and competing in the 125-pound weight class, Jones trained three-and-a-half hours a day for the match.

"Probably, a year-and-a-half ago, it went from me and my girlfriend going to fights, then being shot over to England for a World Title," said Jones, who has a 4-2 career record.

Inside of Olympia Stadium in England, Jones' opponent was Jamie Gilbert, the current IKF English, British and European Champion. Jones was in front of the biggest crowd he had ever faced and was the biggest underdog in his early kickboxing career.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dedrick "Deejay" Jones traveled to England to compete for the IKF World Title on April 8. Jones lost in the fifth round.

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University suspends fraternity in hazing allegation

A police report lists "internal injuries" to campus resident.

By CHAD ROBERTS
Copy Desk Chief

The campus chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. has been suspended for three years, according to the Office of Greek Life.

A March 9 incident report, obtained from campus police records, states that a 20-year-old black male campus resident suffered internal injuries during an initiation. The police report lists the victim's relationship to the offender as "frat."

"Hazing is something that the university takes very seriously," Robin Campbell said. Campbell is the director of the Office of Greek Life. She said her office, along with the vice chancellor for student affairs and the dean of students, decides the punishment for fraternities and sororities who engage in hazing.

Phone calls and messages left for Judy Rashid, the dean of students, were not returned. Attempts to reach Roselle Wilson, the vice chancellor for student affairs, were not successful.

North Carolina law defines hazing as: "to subject another student to physical injury as part of an initiation, or as a prerequisite to membership, into any organized school group, including any society, athletic team, fraternity or sorority, or other similar group."

A violation is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

The university's punishment for hazing is listed in the student handbook. The handbook states that hazing penalties and restrictions governing the intake process are "due to past destructive activities of several fraternities and sororities during the intake membership process."

Punishment, according to the student handbook, includes criminal prosecution, university disciplinary action, and sanctions.

Lieutenant M. Tillery, the officer who is listed on the incident report, declined to give any specific information regarding the investigation or the incident report.

Nationwide, 44 states have laws prohibiting hazing.

On April 10, five students who are members of Florida A&M's Kappa Alpha Psi chapter were arrested and charged with third-degree felonies relating to hazing. Under Florida statute, they could be sentenced to five years in prison and \$3,500 fines.

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event will also serve as A&T's follow-up to the Millions More Movement.

"I feel, what better way to bring it back to the university than to have a big event when the community will come out and be part of this movement. Initially, it was going to be a 'mock movement,' but SGA wanted to do something where all of the Black college SGAs across the state could come together for a BSG (Black Student Government)," Breckenridge says.

Live music, spoken word performances, African dance, food and merchandise vendors, and various speakers addressing such topics as "education, economics, unity, peace, and justice," are some of the many aspects attendees will be able to look forward to, according to Carey.

Breckenridge also mentioned that there would be a special segment of the event created by Bass, called the "unity hour," when each university will have the opportunity to pledge itself to this movement.

Speakers of the event will include Dr. Joe L. Dudley of Dudley Cosmetics, SGA President Justin Ramey, Vice President of Internal Affairs Arnita Floyd-Moody and various A&T faculty and administrative members.

Performing music artists will include A&T's James Woodert, Torell Taylor, Dwayne Atkins, William "Blue" Blue, and Antwan Singletary. Musical groups Beatnam Vets and Godisilla also are expected to perform.

In addition to Carey, Bass, Bynes and Morris, Breckenridge said that members of the SGA executive board, Dr. Roselle Wilson, Dr. Judy Rashid, Dr. Earl Hilton, Denise Iverson-Payne, Shayla Stevenson and Ryan Maltese, members of the History Club helped to organize

the event.

"I hope (the festival) is a success so that we can make this a reoccurring thing-an annual activity. I hope people can take away from it the fact that we can get together and put on something educational and entertaining without trying to get 'big-named' artists or 'big-named' speakersthat the people can put something together on their own."

Breckenridge said he hopes to achieve a common sense of comradery amongst the HBCUs.

"I hope to achieve consciousness on A&T's campus. I also hope to achieve the fact that students know that SGA is concerned, and that we're not only about Homecoming and Aggie Fest and walking around the track, waving to people. Clearly, we care about what's going on," he said.

Breckenridge and Carey said there are already hopes and plans to make this event annual.

"I've already seen ways to make it bigger and bigger as years go on," Breckenridge said.

Morris, a junior history major, says the aim is to include "different people, from every aspect of the black community and black culture."

"No one's left out! I hope to build a spirit, not only for our whole community, but for our campus-build the campus back up...build a spirit that's about the advancement of our people," Morris said.

Morris also says, "For me, if one heart gets touched, I'm good."

"I think it will be received very well because anyone who has been informed about it is excited about attending," Carey says, "so hopefully we won't disappoint them in their expectations."

In addition, the A&T History Club will be hosting its annual Black Student Summit today from 3-8 p.m. in the New Classroom Building Auditorium, with this year's theme being "Black Economics."

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"The crowd was overpowering," said Jones, who had previously won three titles. "I'm not being cocky, but I don't fight people for chump change. I don't fight people for nothing, I fight champions."

Jones lost the match in the fifth round, but showed Gilbert he was a force to be reckoned with. Chewning, a pro-boxer, said that Jones won the first round hands down.

"Then the guy, slowly, meticulously chopped his legs from under him," Chewning said. "That's what DeeJay is really good at. He's really good at using the ring-using his footwork."

Though, Jones lost the IKF world title, he holds another world title, the K.I.C.K World Championship. Before he won this championship, Jones went to Price. He asked Price how many matches his opponent had won.

Price told Jones that he had only won about eight. In all reality he had won 300 fights and was 36 years old. That did not stop Jones; he won the fight unanimously.

Jones is currently the North

American Champion and has also been East Coast Champion.

Price, who has been a trainer for 15 years, said that Jones has a great jab, a good straight right-hand and very-fast natural left hook.

In addition fighting is in his "blood." His dad holds a black-belt in karate.

"For one, he is a natural athlete," Chewning said. "His dad was a martial artist."

Jones said his dad taught him that to be a contender you have to train constantly.

"A lot of people want a rematch because they can't believe they got beat by this guy," Jones said.

Jones graduated from Oak Ridge Military Academy in 1999. At the Academy, Jones got discipline that he would eventually step into the ring with.

"I really didn't start growing up until I got there," he said. "If I didn't go to Oak Ridge there is no telling where I'd be right now."

As far as turning pro, Price said Jones is not ready.

"His skills are close," Price said. "He is not mentally ready to go pro."

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"We wanted to not focus on making it a black and white thing but more justice vs. injustice and I guess the main message we wanted to send was that both our schools have a consciousness of what is going on and we support each other," Beasley added.

The impact T.I.M.E. hopes to make is substantial.

"We hope to show NCCU that they have an HBCU that supports them greatly, and then we also plan to reach the community to show that we as young people in this generation know how to come together for a common cause."

Although T.I.M.E. is lending its support to NCCU, they maintain that they are not on either side in this argument they are

simply concerned with righting social wrong.

"There are organizations that are made directly to fight injustices," Walls said. "But, there isn't an organization that brings together many organizations."

Beasley also shared those sentiments.

"This whole T.I.M.E. thing is not just for this event. We plan to keep it moving forward for future events, so the next something big like this happens, it won't be so many weeks down the road. It will be like the next week and A&T will be up there supporting NCCU or Shaw University or Duke or anybody. Wrong is wrong," he said.

Some of the organizations joining the T.I.M.E. Coalition's cause include the SGA, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Phi Beta

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Sigma Fraternity Inc., National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) and Student Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC).

Beasley said, "The last thing we want to do is for people to go there and represent T.I.M.E. and this coalition and misrepresent it saying ignorant things. We want to make sure everybody that's there knows exactly what we're there for and exactly what's going on."

Walls, who is also a football player at A&T, said that being an athlete definitely gave him a different perspective on the issues affecting the Duke Lacrosse players.

"I feel like a lot of demographics played a key role in the situation as far as them being a prestigious Caucasian school...I compared it to if A&T's football

team had invited over a Caucasian white female from UNC-Greensboro. Would the case have taken so long to get under way? That's kind of like what sparked it (T.I.M.E.), but I had to mature and realize that it's bigger than that," he said.

If you want your organization to be part of T.I.M.E., all you need is two representatives to go in for training and meetings and those representatives will relay the message back to their group.

For more information on how you or your organization can join the T.I.M.E. Coalition, feel free to e-mail, TIMEcoalition@gmail.com

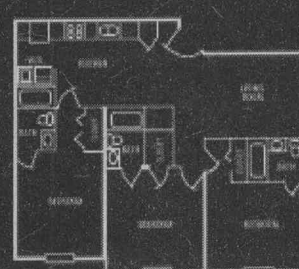
On Friday, the T.I.M.E. Coalition will be having a unity march on the campus of North Carolina Central University at 10 am.

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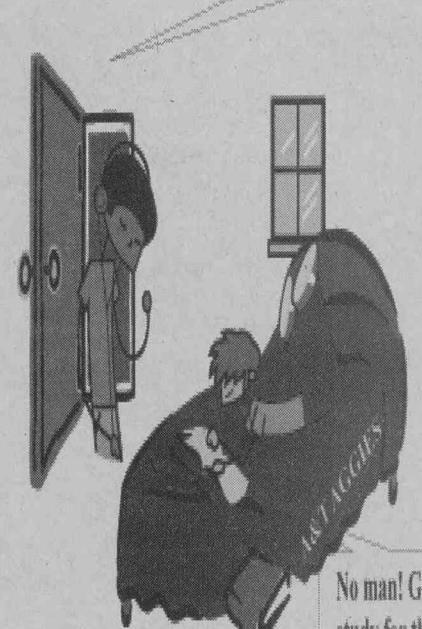


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New TV channel breaks color barrier

BY COLIN MCMAHON
KRT

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Adyel Silva has the kind of face you see everywhere in Brazil except, until recently, on television. That's because Silva is black.

About half of all Brazilians consider themselves black or of mixed race, but you would never guess it from all the fair, blue-eyed people who dominate network television. Like most black Brazilian journalists, actors and entertainers, Silva believed a

career in television was out of reach.

But a new channel, TV da Gente, has given Silva her own show. It has given voice to hundreds of other people of color, news anchors and singers and analysts and chefs and musicians. And as it has grown, TV da Gente, or Our TV, has forced Brazil's established networks to change the way they operate.

"I am doing something my ancestors would love to see, something they did not dare dream about," Silva said. "For the first time, it's possible for young peo-

ple who do not have 'the look' to see themselves on TV."

Smiling broadly, Silva used the analogy of dog breeds to explain who has the "the look" coveted by the Brazilian networks and who does not.

"Brazilians are mutts," Silva said, delineating her own ancestry as a mix of black African, Dutch, indigenous Brazilian and Portuguese. "But all you ever saw on TV were golden retrievers. Now you are seeing all Brazilians and you see that we are not just golden retrievers."

TV da Gente has not only bro-

ken from traditional programming, it is also offering advertisers a shot at a neglected market, said Jose de Paula Neto, a breakout black entertainer who founded TV da Gente late last year.

Brazilians have a dizzying array of descriptions for skin color, but if half the country considers itself black or a mix of black and other races, that is more than 90 million people. TV da Gente targets those potential viewers, concentrating on the working-class families.

International investors are interested. An Angolan company

put up some of the \$5 million de Paula spent to get started. Now, de Paula said, American and other foreign investors are discussing partnerships to expand the network's programming and reach.

For now, that reach is limited. TV da Gente is available across Brazil on satellite television. But free television carries it only in Sao Paulo, Brazil's biggest city, and a few other cities. De Paula is working to bring TV da Gente to other parts of Brazil.

The road is not easy. When de Paula launched the network in

November, critics accused him of being racist and divisive, of turning his back on Brazil's tradition of racial tolerance and harmony.

De Paula took the barbs. But he and others recruited to TV da Gente politely suggested that Brazil might not be the racial paradise many of its residents consolingly consider it. TV da Gente was not aimed at excluding anyone, he said. Its goal was to include and instill pride in those Brazilians who rarely saw themselves on television unless it was as a maid or a criminal.

Pollen and its perils

BY DEBORAH L. SHELTON
KRT

ST. LOUIS — The arrival of spring is nothing to sneeze about. Except when the air is saturated with tree pollen.

And the air is full of the stuff right now.

Doctors say a mild winter and early tree pollination point to a nasty season ahead.

The allergy season was fairly mild until the middle of April, said Dr. Raymond Slavin, director of the division of allergy at St. Louis University School of Medicine. "Only people who were extremely sensitive to tree pollen had problems," he said. "As of (mid-April), it's really gotten profound."

Spring allergies are triggered by the release of tree pollen, which can bring on sneezing, nasal congestion, a runny nose, and an itchy nose and eyes.

About one in five area people suffers from allergies. Allergic rhinitis, or hay fever, is the most common.

Most people with sensitivity to tree pollen will experience symptoms once the count hits 1,500 pollen grains per cubic meter of air, Slavin said.

When Jennifer Do first moved to St. Louis from Los Angeles two years ago, she was blown away by the area's impressive display of seasons. Now she's just blowing, her nose.

The seasonal metamorphosis "definitely is a downer," she said.

Do began experiencing allergy symptoms recently, a runny nose, sneezing, itching and burning eyes. She had mild symptoms her first year in St. Louis. This year has been far worse.

"It's a shame I can't go outside and just enjoy the weather," said Do, 23, a medical student at St. Louis University. "Last week I played tennis. As a result, I've got my allergies to deal with."

Slavin prefers the term "allergic rhinitis" (runny nose and eyes) to describe spring allergies, rather than "hay fever," which is a misnomer. Hay is not a usual cause of spring allergies, and it does not cause fever.

Allergic rhinitis that occurs during a specific season is called "seasonal allergic rhinitis." When it occurs throughout the year, it is called "perennial allergic rhinitis." Common year-round allergy sources are pets, dust mites and cockroaches.

The first line of defense is to reduce exposure to pollen.

"When the symptoms begin, the windows in the house should come down and the windows of the car should be closed," Slavin said. "If you protect yourself for the 10 to 12 hours you're indoors, that's a big, big help."

The next step for the allergy-weary is to try prescription medicine, such as a nasal spray. Nasal sprays contain steroids and other substances that can reduce the local inflammatory response in the nose. There also are eye drops that have similar effects on the eye.

Slavin says the vast majority of people will respond to a combination of medication. For those who don't, an antihistamine-decongestant combination, or known as allergy shots, can be an option.

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★ ★ ★ *Mystic Stars* Horoscope

BY LINDA C. BLACK
KRT

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is an 8 - OK, you can launch now. You'll shoot straighter and get farther than you expected.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 6 - You're generally slow at making decisions. You find it more comfortable. Today, however, act quickly on a snap judgment, and you'll do fine.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 7 - If you have a short attention span, write yourself a note. Use bold colors and big letters, and put it where it can't be missed. Don't leave anything to chance.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 7 - You're in line for a promotion, a raise or a more difficult work assignment. It could be all of the above put together. If you get an offer, take it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an 8 - Don't spend the entire day goofing around, even if you feel like it. You need to present a professional demeanor. Important people are watching.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7 - You can get what you've been seeking. Don't be embarrassed to shop in places where the overhead is low. Find it cheap.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 6 - There's one way to beat the competition - win them over to your side. Opposites attract, and today you're very attractive.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 - Push yourself past your own best time. Work faster and make more money. Great treasures can be yours but only if you move quickly.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 - Recent enterprises have been tiring. Accept encouragement. Let somebody who loves you reinforce your confidence.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7 - Something you've kept hidden turns out to be exactly what you need. You had a hunch this would happen, and it did, eventually.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7 - Your curiosity is intense now. You can partially satisfy it by yourself, but not completely. Consult a wise older friend.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 7 - Another's generosity is tapped, in your favor. Be gracious and accept what you're given. Yes, you do deserve it.

Aggie Enterprise educates students

BY LARRISSA CLAVON
Contributor

According to a study conducted in 2004 by CNN, women are spending more money than men.

As a vehicle to educate African Americans about the importance of money, investments and ultimate financial awareness, members of the SGA presented Aggie Enterprise, a five-week workshop during March and April.

Established by the Terrance Jenkins, former 2003 SGA president and current BET host, Aggie Enterprise is an event which seeks to increase financial literacy of students and faculty.

Continuing to implement Aggie Enterprise into the yearly calendar of events, 2005-06 SGA President Justin Ramey serves as co-coordinator.

"Aggie Enterprise was set up to provide college students with some material relevant to their current financial dealings and to give them assistance on managing finances," Ramey said.

Beginning in October 2005, Ramey began funding for Aggie Enterprise. This year's event will last for five weeks instead of the traditional weekend.

Ramey said he believes Jenkins would be proud of what has been done thus far with Aggie Enterprise.

For this year's event, Maurice L. Wilson, the senior advisor of Wilson Wealth Management Group of Charlotte, helped with the seminars by making suggestions for topics and selecting professional speakers.

The five workshops, "Get Your Money Right: Race and Money," "SLACC: Student Loans and Credit Cards," "Women and Money: An Equal, But Different Playing Field," "Wall Street 101: Its Really That Simple," and "Hustle and Flow: The Estate and Entrepreneurship" are



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Aggie Enterprise participants listen as a workshop facilitator talks about money and spending habits of women.

expected to have a good turnout.

To address the matter of higher spending by females, four businesswomen Tyawdi Baker, Aretha Blake, Alethea Ramey, and Ursula Strong presented the "Women and Money: An Equal, But Different Playing Field."

Ramey opened the discussion of "The Seven B's of Success." Some steps she said women should take in order to be successful were to be well-funded, functional and competent.

"Women should plan their life financially as if they are on their own," she said.

Married women were advised to plan financial matters as if they were unmarried just in case of divorce, separation, disability

or death.

Gabrielle Pippen, a freshman construction management major, shared her vision during the presentation. She said she hopes to own a construction company.

"I want to use my construction business to assist others in need like Habitat for Humanity. I want to offer homes at an affordable price to people in rural areas who may not be able to afford a home," she said.

Pippen explained her reasons for attending the session of Aggie Enterprise.

"I decided to attend Aggie Enterprise because if I want to start my own construction company, I have to not only know the construction aspect, I have to

know the business aspect too," she said.

Pippen said she wanted to see living proof of successful women who are willing to encourage others to form a goal and go after it.

SGA President Ramey walked away with expectations fulfilled. "The women were professional and organized, and they covered more information than I expected!" he said. It was good to see some women doing their thing!

Pippen has yet to miss a workshop. She believes the workshops thus far have been very beneficial.

"The information that was handed out could steer anyone in the right direction to achieving their goals," she said.

Fraternity supports Dudley High



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On April 20, members of the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. participated in an honor-student rally held at Dudley High School. The fraternity, along with other A&T organizations, presented Dudley's honor students (with a 3.0 GPA or better) with prizes. During the honor's program, there were step performances, poetry reading, singing, modeling and dancing.

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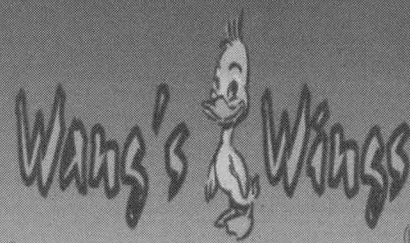
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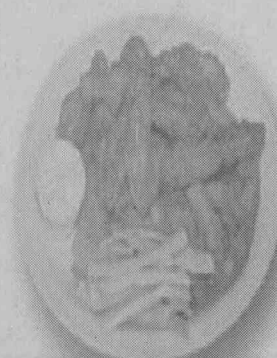
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What's News-

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Discount Airlines Losing Their Edge

Low-cost airlines are raising their prices—in some cases, making their fares higher than those offered by traditional carriers.

Carriers including JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines and AirTran Holdings Inc., citing rising fuel costs and the introduction of more high-end perks, have been steadily boosting prices in recent months. Traditional airlines, meanwhile, have been moving into the low-cost carriers' routes and copying their simplified fare structures.

The result: low-cost carrier fares are no longer always the cheapest. Spirit Airlines' cheapest round-trip fare (before taxes and fees) between New York's La Guardia Airport and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., now tops US Airways'—a \$148 sale fare compared with \$138. On flights between the Washington, D.C., area and Chicago, American has a fare of \$197 (including taxes) compared to \$232 for Southwest (that's for round-trip travel between May 12 and May 17).

Summer fare increases are a ritual, and higher oil prices have led to the return of fuel surcharges. Still, the fare changes are the latest window onto the shifting fortunes of many of the low-cost carriers. Indeed, from increased delays to malfunctioning seat-back TVs, low-cost carriers are starting to run up against economic troubles at the same time that many traditional carriers are finally expected to return to profitability.

Big Music Firms

Dealt a Legal Blow

A federal court ruling highlights the pressure global music companies face on multiple fronts over whether they collude to set wholesale prices, particularly to online services.

The U.S. District Court in San Francisco found that two of the big four music companies, Vivendi Universal's Universal Music Group and EMI Group, deliberately misled federal investigators by obscuring the degree to which they sought—and gained—information about their competitors' pricing agreements with online music services.

If appeals on the ruling fail, the music companies could be hurt in their efforts to fend off legal investigations and a consumer lawsuit, all of which are focused on alleged pricing collusion.

In August 2001, the Justice Department opened antitrust investigations into two of the first legal music services, which were owned by the same corporations that then owned the major music companies. MusicNet was a joint venture of AOL Time Warner Inc., Bertelsmann AG and EMI. Pressplay was owned by Sony and Vivendi. After receiving documents from the music companies that appeared to show they had mechanisms in place to avoid conflicts that might have been created by their dual roles as owners and suppliers to the online services, the Justice Department closed that investigation at the end of 2003.

But the U.S. District Court in San Francisco found that those filings were rife with omissions and misleading statements, and ordered EMI and Universal to deliver more complete documentation. Universal said it would appeal; EMI called the ruling "mistaken."

Cost of Textbooks

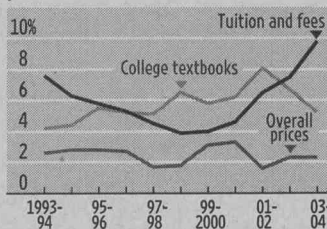
Draws Scrutiny

College students protesting high textbook prices are finding new allies: state and federal lawmakers.

Virginia and Washington have enacted laws designed to make textbooks more affordable, and lawmakers have introduced similar bills in 10 other states. The Virginia law directs public universities to urge professors to be aware of book prices and discourage them from switching to newer, more expensive texts that don't differ substantially from the older ones. The Washington law orders state universities to promote textbook-buyback programs and to

Economics 101

Despite some recent moderation, textbook-price increases are still running at twice the rate of inflation. Relative price changes by school year:



Note: Data aren't seasonally adjusted. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index.

give students the option of buying books without additional materials such as workbooks and CD-ROMs. The U.S. House, meanwhile, has passed legislation that includes steps being discussed by states.

Such efforts are meeting resistance from publishers and some professors. "We understand the desire, but it is very difficult to legislate how media will be prepared, designed and disseminated in a free-enterprise system," said a spokesman for the Association for American Publishers. He added that states are barred from interfering with interstate commerce and that book publishers are protected by the First Amendment.

Professors argue that their academic freedom could be jeopardized if they were compelled to choose books based partially on price.

A 2005 Government Accountability Office investigation found that textbook prices have increased at twice the rate of inflation during the past two decades.

EBay Tests Site

With Set Prices

EBay began the "preview phase" of its new "Express" site, a move that puts the online auctioneer in more direct competition with Web retailers such as Amazon.com.

The Express site has only fixed-price items. Customers see new items in their initial search results; they have the option of viewing used ones with one mouse click. EBay wants to grab a share of customers who know exactly what item they want and don't desire to chase after it in an auction setting. The company also wants to attract customers who are intimidated by the core eBay site.

The preview phase of Express will last several weeks, with the company continuing to gather user feedback and making changes during that time.

Odds & Ends

U.S. consumer-confidence levels improved in April to a nearly four-year high as consumers took heart from the healthy state of the labor market. "Improving present day conditions continue to boost consumers' spirits," said Lynn Franco, who leads the Conference Board's Consumer Research Center. "Recent improvements in the labor market have been a major driver behind the rise in confidence in early 2006," she added. ... **Former Enron Corp.** Chairman Kenneth Lay took the witness stand at his criminal trial in Houston, where he blamed the energy company's December 2001 collapse on deceitful underlings, hostile stock traders and damaging news coverage by The Wall Street Journal.

By Jay Hershey

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Auto Makers Discover Alphabet Has Limits; The Fight Over MKX

By GINA CHON

DETROIT—At the Detroit auto show in January, product-planning employees from the Acura division of Honda Motor Co. checked out a new Lincoln sport-utility vehicle. But it wasn't the Lincoln's jeweled grille or panoramic moon roof that caught their eye. It was the Lincoln's three-letter name, MKX, which struck Honda as awfully similar to MDX, the name of an Acura SUV.

Shortly after the show, Acura fired off a letter to Ford Motor Co., Lincoln's parent, demanding that it drop the MKX. When Ford refused, Acura filed a lawsuit, accusing the American auto maker of trademark infringement.

The spat is just one of the most recent flare-ups in the battle auto makers are waging over an increasingly important but limited resource—the 26 letters of the alphabet.

Spellbound

For decades auto makers preferred to give comprehensible names to their cars. To lend an air of prestige, Lincoln called its top-of-the-line model the Town Car. Cadillac was already playing that game, with models including the DeVille and Eldorado. But in the past several years, car companies, particularly luxury auto makers, have favored combinations of letters and numbers, like the BMW X5 and Lexus LS 450. Their thinking is that this builds the image of a whole brand, not just one model.

But with a finite number of letters available, and some of them way sexier than others, car makers find it more and more difficult to think up letter combinations they can call their own and that haven't been taken by products in other industries.

Take the letter M. DaimlerChrysler AG's Mercedes-Benz uses it for its ML-Class SUV. BMW AG's

Traffic Jam

Cars with similar-sounding names:



- Audi Q7/Q5 (left), Infiniti Q45 (right)
- Infiniti M35/M45, BMW's M3/M5
- Mercedes's S-Class, Audi's S series, Jaguar's S Type
- Lexus LS and Lincoln LS*
- Acura's MDX, Lincoln's MKX
- Lexus RX, Acura RSX

high-performance models are the M3, M5 and M Roadster. Infiniti, the luxury unit of Nissan Motor Corp., calls its performance sedan the M45.

But earlier this year, when Infiniti ran commercials in Canada trumpeting that a new M is coming, BMW filed a lawsuit that said Infiniti's use of the M in the commercial could cause confusion with BMW's M series. A federal court denied BMW's request for an injunction to stop the ads, but BMW will have a chance to make its case for trademark infringement at a trial in October. Nissan's Canadian division said it "intends to continue to vigorously defend its use of M" in referring to Infiniti vehicles like the M35 and M45.

Last year, Infiniti was on the other end of a dispute over the letter Q. Since 1989, Infiniti has had a sedan called the Q45, and for a long time was alone. "We liked the shape of the letter," says Jack Collins, vice president of product planning for Nissan North America and a member of the global naming committee. "We thought it was unique and had more presence than other letters."

But then, Volkswagen AG's Audi unit named a new SUV the Q7, taking the letter from its "quattro" all-wheel drive technology. Nissan filed a lawsuit against Audi, though the two eventually reached an out-of-court agreement that will allow Audi

to go ahead with the Q7 name. "You prefer to have as much exclusivity as possible, but many of these combinations are already being used, so it's becoming more difficult to find empty space," Mr. Collins says.

Right now, at least 22 of the alphabet's 26 letters are used in names of luxury cars sold in the U.S. Among the letters in great demand are S and Z, says Edward Saenz, a naming consultant whose clients include Nissan. The two letters are used for some of the most coveted cars on the road, such as the Mercedes-Benz S-Class sedan and the BMW Z4 roadster. Neither S nor Z, however, can compete with X, which is used to designate about two dozen vehicles—Cadillac's SRX, Jaguar's X-Type, Volvo's XC-90 SUV, not to mention Lincoln, Acura and BMW SUVs.

The poor letters hardly anybody wants to use, notes Mr. Saenz, are O, P, U and Y. These letters don't conjure up compelling images, and they are seen as too ordinary for upscale cars, Mr. Saenz says. The letters B, F and N also have weaknesses, Mr. Saenz

mance vehicles. Some of the alphanumeric names under consideration were created from Greek letters, the periodic table of the elements and airport codes to create a sense of luxury and uniqueness.

After an hour, the group decided the name they liked best was Io, the name of one of Jupiter's moons. The hypothetical cars were named IO6 and IO8. One participant, an investment banker named Tim Williamson, said that Io "makes me feel like I'm sitting in a cockpit in space."

But Samsara Oberle, who helps people who have bad credit ratings, didn't like the names. They made her think that "I owe \$60,000 on this car or I owe \$80,000," she said.

X Factors

Car makers have run into similar problems with real alphanumeric names. Cadillac was originally planning on naming the XLR convertible CLR to stand for Cadillac Luxury Roadster. Then it realized that there was a bathroom cleaning product of the same name. MR2 is the name of a two-seat sports car made by Toyota. But pronounced by a French speaker, the name can sound like a common French vulgarity. So in France, the car is named Coupé MR.

Lincoln began mulling letters last June when the company was putting together a turnaround plan for the brand. Lincoln decided to convert its vehicles to letter combinations. "We were in a situation where people were saying, 'We drive a Town Car,' and we want people to say, 'We drive a Lincoln,'" says Sara Tatchio, a Lincoln spokeswoman.

The X in Lincoln's new MKX stands for crossover, an industry term used to describe a new wave of lighter and more fuel-efficient SUVs.

As for Acura, the name MDX doesn't have any meaning. The company just likes the way the combination sounds, officials said.

Ford and Honda settled their dispute out of court about a month ago. The full terms weren't disclosed, but Ford has registered the trademark as the "Lincoln MKX" and not by the three letters alone. The companies believe this will keep consumers from confusing the MKX and the MDX.

Recruiters Give Nod To Podcasts

By AMAN SINGH

Global consulting firm Bain & Co. typically relies on executive visits, brochures, DVDs and its Web site to recruit management students. This year, Bain deployed a new and unusual tool to attract students at the Indian Institute of Management: a podcast.

The 20-minute audio program was part Bain advertisement and part interview-preparation guide for students. It featured three Bain executives talking about the firm, which plans to open its first major office in India in July, as well as an alumna of the institute who works in Bain's London office.

The goal: to influence the career choices of students who are tough to reach and want "instant, on-the-go information," says Ashish Singh, Bain's managing partner in India.

Pleased with the results, Bain plans to expand its use of podcasts to more universities and other countries next year. That will put the firm on the leading edge of what may be an emerging trend in recruiting, as employers tap a popular new technology to reach young job seekers.

Others, too, are experimenting with podcasts—audio programs posted on the Internet that can be downloaded onto personal computers or portable music players. Colleges such as Georgetown University, the University of Florida and Mansfield University of Pennsylvania now use them as recruiting tools. The Urban Land Institute, a nonprofit research group, recently released the first of nine "Careers in Real Estate" podcasts. Online-recruiting site HotJobs, meanwhile, is teaming with staffing firm Robert Half International Inc. to produce podcasts with job-search and career-development tips. The first products of the collaboration are expected by June.

"I think it is a great idea," said Peter Weddle of Weddle's LLC, a human-resource research and publishing firm based in Stamford, Conn. Podcasts are "very proximate, very immediate and definitely more effective than the traditional emails," he says.

Podcasts will help a "job description come alive," says Daniel Finnigan, general manager of HotJobs, a unit of Yahoo Inc. Mr. Finnigan expects podcasts to lead to audio and video job listings available on portable devices such as iPods.

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A few words from those movin' on

Being of sound mind and body, I hereby leave my books and studies to everyone left at A&T. To my li'l cuz/ sista Sheena Monroe, I leave my ability to select the easiest professors for each course. To DUBBS I leave you the ability to handle one more semester. To li'l sista Monica I leave my drive and ability to prioritize. To my professors, advisors, mentors, and especially Ms. Gray, I leave my deepest gratitude for all of your guidance and support. And finally to everybody else I leave my "KILLA DRESS GAME," from thugged-out to grown. Last but not least AGGIE PRIDE!

MJAndrews

I, Jennifer Kennedy, being of sound mind and body, hereby leave all of my many hours in the union (Second Home) to the union staff. I leave stress in the SUAB office to the new e-board. I leave laughter at the front desk to Star, Desire, John, Jenny, and Ash. I leave late nights cutting patterns to Constance & Ash. I will leave bad roommates, and boyfriends behind. I leave my memories of the old campus: DW Trailer for a café, Old Scott, late nights on the strip. I will miss A&T, but not that much. I am out!

Shannon Jones: To Brittany Wyatt I leave my map because you know I will find you wherever you go! Kissy and CoCo I want to leave you a chain because I want to be linked to you guys forever. As for my magnificent LS's I leave my hand just in case you ever need one to hold. For everyone that I have come in contact with I leave my LOVE, so if I don't talk to you anymore or see you anymore, I want you to know that you will always and forever be a lasting print in my sand.

GOOD LUCK, 2006 GRADS

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Chinese jump rope. Skip-It. Hand games (Slide. Miss Mary Mack. Miss Sue. Down-Down Baby). The swings. The jungle gym. The monkey bars. The Merry-Go-Round. The sand-box. Sandcastles. Mud pies. Hammer pants. Nano Babies. Tamagotchis, and Gigapets. Beanie Babies. Pogs and slammers. Jelly shoes. High-top fades. Hair barretts. The Cabbage Patch. The Running Man. The Butterfly. The Macarena. The Tootsie Roll. Reeboks. Air Jordans. Chuck Taylors. Friendship bracelets. Slap bracelets. Just For Mel. D.A.R.E. The Gingerbread Man. Scratch-and-sniff stickers. The Little Engine That Could. Charlotte's Web. Curious George. Dr. Seuss. Are You My Mother? The Cat In the Hat. Green Eggs and Ham. The ABC Book. The Bernstein Bears. Alexander and the Terrible,

In my line of work, I regularly hear things that make me raise my eyebrows.

When I do, there is a small indentation that shows between my worry lines. It starts from the middle of my forehead and curves up and over my left eye.

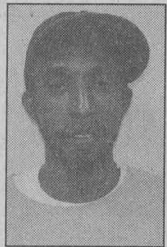
It's one of the Roberts' family favorite oral traditions – how I got that scar. The story gets told about twice each year.

I was three or four years old. My family – my mom, dad, and older sister – were living in a small house in Elizabeth City, behind my grandmother.

Mom was giving my sister a bath while I roamed around the house with my hard-plastic, bright-red firemen's helmet on.

I tried to open the bathroom door, but it was locked. I tried again a few minutes later, but it was still locked.

So, I made an announcement: I was going to count to 10, and if



CHAD ROBERTS

From watching cartoons all day, I knew for a fact that to break through a door, all you had to do was get a really fast running start.

After I counted to 10, I backed up as far as I could from the bathroom door (which wasn't very far away) and took off, full speed ahead.

My mother, when she tells the story, says she heard a loud "thud" outside of the bathroom.

Unlike the cartoons, the door in our house held firm. I was the one that went down.

Aside from knocking me unconscious, the impact cracked

the women of the house were not out of the bathroom, I was going to bust the door down. The countdown started immediately.

my plastic fireman's helmet in two pieces. The indentation that remains on my forehead is where the helmet split.

I woke up – briefly – while the family was transporting me to the hospital to get examined.

It turns out I wasn't seriously injured. I had a concussion, but my brain didn't suffer any permanent damage.

I have obviously proven the doctor wrong, some people say. Draw your own conclusions.

Studying for a Spanish test recently, I stopped and reflected on my time here at "T." especially my years working for the Register.

It reminds me of when I tried to go head-first through the bathroom door.

Trying to balance schoolwork with real-life work, tough professors, unreasonable deadlines, crashing computers, a lack of resources, secretive administrators, tight-lipped student govern-

ment officers, expectations, and much, much more, I earned a new set of scars.

As a student-journalist, I tried to report the news – "good" or "bad." Some of the stories I wrote, such as the accused 9/11 mastermind who graduated from here, the firing of the cheerleading coach, and the volleyball coach's decision to "pursue some other options," put me on some Aggies' "bad" side.

I can live with that.

Hey, I didn't make these stories up. The stuff actually happened.

I didn't always know what I was doing, and I wasn't always sure I was doing the right thing.

But I tried to do my job the right way. And, even though I wasn't always successful in doing my job, these new scars – emotional, mental, and physical – are proof that I tried.

Fueling the fire 2: Controlling the flames

By DAVID ROSE

I must first recognize those readers who were offended or even lost as to the purpose of this article's prerequisite. In the case of both articles it is imperative that you analyze them in their entirety. In clearing the air I iterate that the stereotypes, facts, thoughts & realities stated were not your shortcomings but areas in which we, as Aggies, have room for improvement. I come to you again in the same manner as before, but enlightened by the anger, confusion misunderstanding and appreciation from the student body with regards to my initial publication. For this reason I bring to you possible solutions to the problems that we see, but beware again... you may be slightly disturbed.

Immaturity is an improper term used to describe college scholars, for we are all immature to some extent. We must attempt to choose the events in which we attend wisely, for the term apathy could be eliminated with relations to our student body if we attended only those programs in which we expressed true interest.

There is a misconception that leaders can not party and have fun, this is untrue. It is important that we keep the balance of what we need and what we want. All Aggies must learn to master this balance in order to survive on campus and in the 'real world'.

We must search within ourselves to find that drive which pushes us to want to know in all entirety the answers to life's questions. This quality will move us to comprehend things we never imagined possible.

Knowledge of those persons who lead is extremely important, primarily during times of change. We must keep in mind that although popularity will always play a part, we need to possess some knowledge of who it is that we support.

I have been told that situations dealt with from a point of understanding receive the best results. Although this is true, as students, we must respect those persons in places of authority with an open mind as to their role and the way in which they carry out their duties.

While it is obvious that our leaders are sincere in their platforms for leadership we must keep our eyes opened for those with ulterior motives. I reiterate, know your candidate for leadership and know them well.

We have come from a people of stories told and messages relayed; let us keep this fact in a positive connotation. Let us insure that we spread knowledge and not false rumors.

Self marketing overpowers perception in all aspects of social development; it is somewhat

of a prerequisite. We should analyze the ways in which we want to be viewed before we take to action and receive critical evaluations from our peers.

Let us not forget that regardless of individual background the world will not succumb to ill mannered individuals. We must look inside ourselves in search of that seed of respect that our elders have embedded within us.

We, as men of this illustrious institution, as Aggie Kings must see that our role is to honor, respect, foster emotionless change and model for those generations to come. We must respect our women even when they fail to respect themselves. A boy is associated with immaturity, we are college men.

It is imperative that our Aggie Queens realize the stipulations that they have incurred as young women, African American woman, and African American women at an HBCU. I want you to think of the one person in your life who influences you, that person who makes you smile in the midst of trouble. I want you to think of this person before you do anything that you feel is risky. I ask that you practice patience in selecting a significant other, keeping in mind that it was only in the last generation that college relationships developed into life long companionships.

We must respect the privacy of those individuals who are in roles of popularity and leadership. Realizing that they too are here in order to experience a healthy college life.

We must approach inconsistency with an open mind for we are all guilty of it. We need to practice moderation in all aspects; this is a key to survival.

I know we have heard this a thousand times but 'there are no stupid questions', you need to know the full extent of new ideas before you judge the idea or the person who has come to that resolve. Keep in mind that knowledge and wisdom has no age or gender therefore we must respect the word of even our most unlikely peers.

I have come to the resolve that the stereotypes will not cease, nor will the analysis with regards to 'Greek Life'. These things are a part of college life, but please understand that the underlying theme's of 'the Greeks' are leadership, service and humanitarianism.

I reiterate that leadership, service and humanitarianism are the thin thread that holds together the 'Divine Nine' and we must realize that once this thread is hard pressed the national chapters of each organization will consider pulling undergraduate chapters.

We have shot ourselves in the foot as Aggies by expressing our AGGIE PRIDE and refusing to understand its history. I challenge us to gain knowledge of our schools history, the

Alma Matter, and the rich tradition of student leadership. In doing this we satisfy the alumni, the staff and ourselves.

We need to brainstorm a solution to the social division that exists between ourselves and the colleges and universities of the greater Greensboro area for the sake of development. In doing so we will broaden our network as well as our resources. If you pay close attention you'll see how it has already been done, let us take a look at Nxlevel Entertainment.

We must realize that mentoring is possibly the most important aspect of being an Aggie. Understand that we must first grow within ourselves, and then move to assist our family and community, all in small steps towards changing the world.

The library is our STARGATE, taking us on journeys through space and time with the unlimited resources which are available. I encourage us all to experience this road less traveled so that we may speak for more than just ourselves when we open our mouths.

Hope has never been lost for our Aggie generation, but our direction has been somewhat skewed. Our flaws branch from our lack of communication and ill receptive manner. We must all rise and challenge ourselves daily to get in the state of mind which is comfortable for us but, equally importantly, suitable within society. It is imperative that we first approach the issues which exist within our own world before we move to stroke our brush upon life's easel.

I have attempted to open the eyes of my peers through raising your brow via journalistic homicide. The honorable Dr. Cornell West relayed a message during think tank of dying daily. I have reasoned that someone needed to step up and allow Aggies to see our true selves so that we may kill our bad habits. The purpose of Part I was not to anger you to a point of questioned credibility but one of possible solution. I have acted as a composition of those persons, places, ideals and ideas which have opened my eyes, heart and mind so that I may observe such discrepancies; but many of you have overlooked this crucial point in Part I. I understand that there is no limit to the knowledge that we may possess and the progress that we may achieve, but it is our job to get into the state of mind of leaders. And now I hope that during your club meetings and class sessions you refrain from using my name during your analysis, but instead brainstorm ways to interpret my message and breath life into a movement dedicated to social change.

Too bad, today's children missed the good 'ol days



JAMEYA PORTER

Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. James and the Giant Peach. The Tortoise and the Hare. Where's Waldo? Cinderella. The Lion King. The Little Mermaid. Beauty and the Beast. 101 Dalmations. Bambi. Aladdin. Pocahontas. Mulan. All Dogs Go to Heaven. The Lady and the Tramp. Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs. Toy Story.

T.G.I.F. Family Matters. Full House. Dinosaurs. Step By Step. Hangin' with Mr. Cooper. Saved by the Bell. Wonder Years. Boy Meets World. Ghostwriter. Nickelodeon (Rugrats. Doug. Ren & Stimpy. Ahh! Real Monsters. Rocko's Modern Life. All That. Are You Afraid of the Dark?. Eureka's Castle. David

the Knome. Solute Your Shorts. Hey, Dude!. Wienerschnitzel. Pete & Pete. Clarissa Explains It All. The Secret World of Alex Mack. Keenan & Kel. Welcome Freshmen. Double Dare. Wild & Crazy Kids. G.U.T.S. Global G.U.T.S. What Would You Do?). California Dreams. Mighty Morphin Power Rangers. VR Troopers. Small Wonder. Sister, Sister. Smart Guy. Out of this World. Doogie Howser, M.D. The Facts of Life. The Cosby Show. A Different World. Fresh Prince of Bel-Air. The Mickey Mouse Club. Batman. The Muppets. Hang Time. Punky Brewster. Blossum.

Transformers. Darkwing Duck. Inspector Gadget. Alvin & The Chipmunks. Chip 'n Dale Rescue Rangers. Ghostbusters. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. DuckTales. Tiny Toon Adventures. Animaniacs. Looney Toons. The Magic School

Bus. Captain Planet. He-Man. The Care Bears. The Smurfs. The Muppet Babies. The Flintstones. The Jetsons. Fraggles. Beetlejuice. Bobby's World. Goof Troop. Tale Spin. What's New, Scooby-Doo?

Sesame Street. Lamb Chop's Play-a-Long. The Elephant Show. Mister Rodger's Neighborhood. Reading Rainbow. Pee-Wee's Playhouse. Bill Nye, the Science Guy. Where In the World Is Carmen Sandiego?

Bubblegum Tape. Candy Necklace. Push-Pops. Blow Pops. Ring Pops. Pop Rocks. Pixy Stix. Fun Dip. Boston Baked Beans. Lemonheads. Jaw Breakers. Smarties. Sugar Daddy. Wax Lips. Charms. Gobstoppers. Sweet Tarts. Bottle Caps. Lunchables. Graham Crackers. Gushers. Fruit Roll-Ups. Fruit-by-the-Foot. Squeezit. Capri Sun. Hi-Ci.

Over the River and Through

the Woods. Make New Friends. Are You Sleeping/ Frère Jacques!. Itsy Bitsy Spider. Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. Mary Had a Little Lamb. Pattycake. Ten Little Piggies. This Old Man.

Toys 'R' Us. Chucky Cheese. The night before Christmas. Christmas morning. Trick-or-Treat! Happy Birthday! Easter baskets. Easter egg hunting. The Tooth Fairy. First day of school. Disneyland. Now I know my ABCs...next time, won't you sing with me...

Sheesh...children today are so deprived...

None of them could ever truly understand and feel what it's like being a real kid like that of a baby of the '80s and child of the '90s!

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Questions persist about house used by Bush family

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SPRING VALLEY, Calif. -- The proof that Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush's family resided at a Spring Valley home during Bush's junior season is etched in concrete.

Scrawled in all-capital letters on the driveway of the home in this suburban community just southeast of San Diego is the "THE GRIFFIN'S '05." That refers to Bush's mother, Denise Griffin, stepfather LaMar Griffin and younger half-brother.

The family lived there until Thursday, when a reporter from The Miami Herald came to ask about the ownership of the home. On Friday, moving trucks showed up to take the family's belongings.

As the former University of Southern California running back prepares to become the likely No. 1 overall pick in the NFL Draft on Saturday, questions persist about whether NCAA rules were violated because of ties between his relatives and the owner.

Documents reviewed by The Miami Herald show that the \$757,000 house at the corner of Apple and Luther streets was purchased by Michael Michaels,

a member and employee of a prominent Indian tribe in the San Diego area. Two sources said Michaels was planning to form a marketing and contract agency that would feature Bush as a client. Michaels has not returned numerous calls from The Miami Herald.

The connection between Michaels and the Griffins and how they came to live in the home could constitute a violation of NCAA eligibility rules for Bush and Southern California, which came within 19 seconds of winning a third consecutive national championship in January.

After being contacted by The Miami Herald, Southern California said the school was forwarding the matter to the Pacific-10 Conference for investigation.

Pac-10 spokesman Jim Muldoon told The Associated Press on Sunday that an investigation will be held. A source within the NCAA said it is likely the organization also will conduct an investigation.

"Rather than jumping to conclusions, we need to determine the facts before commenting on this report," Trojans athletic director Mike Garrett said in a statement released by the school Friday. "We have asked the Pac-10 to look into this."

On Thursday, Denise Griffin, Bush's mother, declined to comment when asked about the matter by a Miami Herald reporter. The next day, moving trucks were at the home where Bush's relatives resided during much of the 2005 football season, when Bush was playing for Southern California.

"I don't want to talk," Griffin said. When asked who owns the home, she closed her eyes, sighed and again declined to discuss the matter.

"I'm tired, and I want to get something to eat. I just got back from work," she said.

In late 2005, Michaels and an associate talked to a San Diego sports agent about forming the agency, according to a source with direct knowledge of the conversation. The agency, New Era Sports & Entertainment, was incorporated in November, according to California public records. The agent, David Caravantes, had some of his other clients listed as being represented by the fledgling firm.

Attorney David Cornwell, who represents Bush, declined to comment despite numerous calls from The Miami Herald. Cornwell agreed Wednesday to talk with The Herald on three occasions but deferred the con-

versation each time and has not returned calls since.

According to NCAA guidelines, the relationship between the family and Michaels could constitute a violation, even if Bush had no knowledge of the relationship.

An NCAA rules guide designed for student-athletes states: "Nor may your relatives or friends accept benefits from an agent, financial advisor, runner or any other person associated with an agency business. (Benefits include but are not limited to transportation, money and gifts, regardless of the value of the benefit or if it is used.)"

That refers to NCAA bylaw 12.3.1, which further state that "an individual shall be ineligible if he or she (or his or her relatives or friends) accepts such benefits." Thus, Bush might have been ineligible for the entire season.

The question of whether the family paid a fair-market rent for the 3,002-square foot home with a panoramic view of Sweetwater Lake has not been answered. But that might not matter: The NCAA frowns on any relationships that exist between sports marketing representatives and family members of colleges athletes.

Commensurate rent in that

subdivision is at least \$2,500 a month, although the mortgage payment on the home Michaels purchased could be significantly higher. LaMar Griffin works in security at a public high school in San Diego. Denise Griffin has worked as a corrections officer and deputy sheriff. The Griffins previously lived in an apartment in Spring Valley before moving into the home, according to public records.

Michaels is a member of the Sycuan tribe of El Cajon and works for the Sycuan Tribal Development Corporation. Michaels took out a first mortgage of \$600,000 on the home and subsequent loans of \$150,000 and \$60,000, property records show.

He did not return messages left for him on his work phone and with Sycuan spokesman Adam Day. Michaels also was not at his El Cajon home Thursday night.

On Thursday, Day said: "There are many tribe members with businesses outside the tribe. We are completely unaware of whatever Michael has done in this situation."

As far back as November, Michaels and associate Lloyd "Tata" Lake had told a source that Bush was expected to be New Era's lead

client. A different source said Michaels and Lake had talked to Caravantes.

New Era Sports & Entertainment was incorporated on Nov. 23, 2005 by Los Angeles attorney Phillip M. Smith. When contacted Tuesday, Smith declined to discuss the matter. When asked specifically about Michaels, Smith said: "I'm not going to go there. I have nothing to say about it."

After Bush chose to have veteran marketing agent Mike Ornstein handle that part of his business and then chose agent Joel Segal to handle his contract, Michaels was left out.

Attorney Brian Watkins, who said he has represented Michaels for eight years, did not respond to questions about whether he had been in talks with Cornwell over the occupancy of the home.

NCAA spokesman Kent Barrett declined to say whether the matter would be subject of an investigation, but said a probe can be triggered in a number of ways, including media reports.

Neighbors of Bush's family members said the family had been living at the home since last year. Michaels purchased the home in April 2005, shortly after it was built.

Q&A with Coach Fobbs

Recently, Sports Reporter Darrick Ignasiak sat down with new football coach Lee Fobbs Jr. to speak about the upcoming football season. Fobbs was named the coach on Dec. 2, 2005.

Darrick Ignasiak: One of your players has said that the practices are fun. How have you made your practices fun?

Lee Fobbs: It is a game. Sometimes we as coaches and fans, we tend to forget that at this level. In my mind, in this coaching at this level, the interest level has to be exciting to them. It can't be drudgery to them. Hey Darrick, I am a former player myself. I know what its like when I played and I haven't forgotten.

Ignasiak: This year you will be offensive coordinator and head coach. How will you combine both of those roles?

Fobbs: When I'm sitting here behind this desk, it is paperwork. Through the experiences that I've had, you have to make the transition to do that and my mind is always locked in on the X's and O's. The administration part I've delegated a lot of duties to the assistant coaches.

Ignasiak: Your staff has been praised so far by your players, what do you have to say about that?

Fobbs: When I was sitting here putting this staff together, I was looking for good people, family people. Second thing: outstanding teachers. I did not want to recycle the coaching fraternity. I was looking for guys that I knew a lot about that I could stand and talk about and I know it will be done the

same way as I talk. Over the years you are as strong as the people around you. I think I am just blessed to have these guys.

Ignasiak: What do you think of the facilities at A&T?

Fobbs: The (facilities) are great. I am like the Chancellor that's leaving here. I am still shooting for the sky and get better and better. I think we can kind of help (improving facilities) by winning football games. Not that I am putting pressure on myself, but hey that's the game. That's the way it is. That's part of it. Our facilities are great, but I want them better.

Ignasiak: Offensive Lineman Derek Sutton said that you work out with them on the field and in the weight room, how do you get the mentality to do that?

Fobbs: I'd love to give everything to be out there playing. I just love the game. But I still like, at my age to work out a little bit. I'll get in there and kids will be working out and I'll lift a little bit. I love to walk and jog. To me the time that I have with myself, walking, jogging and lifting. It clears my mind. It helps me think and a play caller has to have that time for within himself. People just can't be constantly talking to him. He has to play the game within his mind and you have to play it over and over.

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Michael V. Stanley
Sports Editor

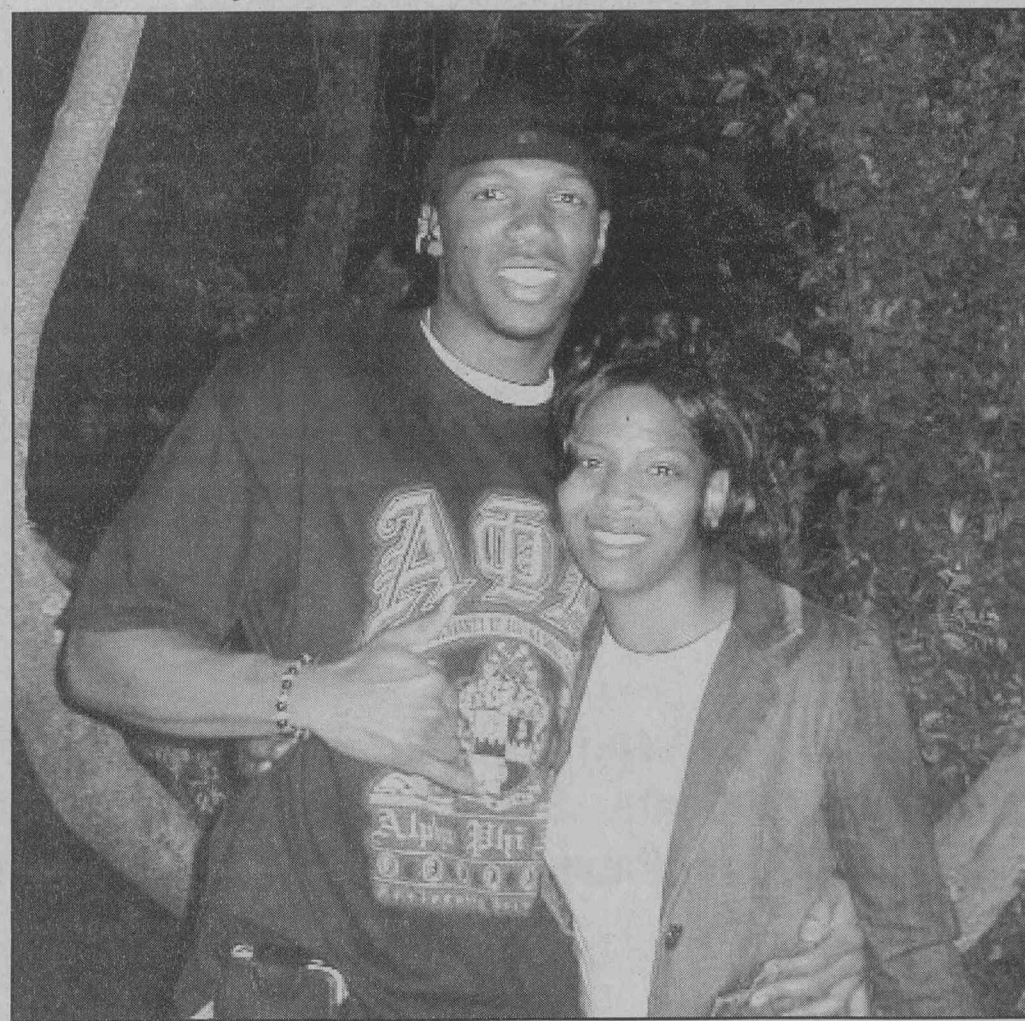
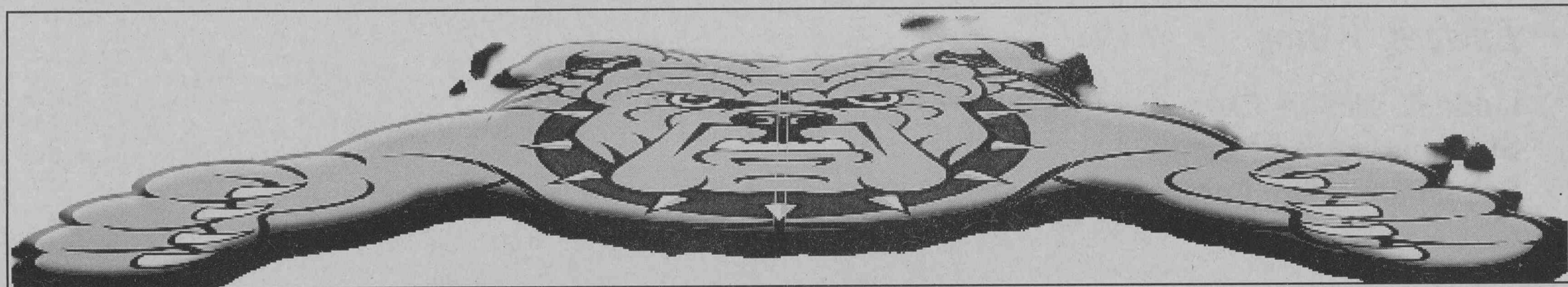


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My girlfriend (Makiba D. Vincent) and I attending a probate at Winston-Salem State University last week.

The end of the year is here and my time at "The A&T Register" has come to an end after two years. I would like to thank the Department of Journalism & Mass Communications for their support and allowing me to serve the university. I've seen changes made in our athletic programs to ensure growth. We have come a long way since I arrived here in 2002, with new buildings as the campus is headed toward the right direction. To the members off the newspaper staff, I love you guys!!! We all have the type of bond that will carry into life after this college thing is over. Erica has fussed me out so much this year, but I love that girl to death. Mike McCray is a cool dude... pause, that has always been there when I needed a photo or an article. Oh yeah, I'll get that PS2 game back to you before graduation homie!!! I swear that Chad Roberts is more of a father figure than a friend, I can talk to him about anything and feel better afterwards. If I left anyone out, I apologize, but this is my farewell and I'm grateful for the experience while at A&T.

Good Luck on
Final Exams!!



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2006-2007 Health Insurance Program

Dear Student,

Please read this letter carefully as it describes changes to the University's health insurance requirements for university students.

Beginning Fall 2006, North Carolina A&T State University will require all Undergraduate Students and Graduate or Professional Students taking 6 or more credit hours, and all International Students, to have health insurance coverage as a condition of enrollment.

You have a choice for your health insurance coverage.

- If you already have health insurance coverage, you may apply for a waiver of the university health insurance plan. The waiver process can be completed on-line at www.studentinsurance.com
- If you do not currently have health insurance coverage, or you wish to enroll in the University health insurance plan rather than retain your current plan, you will not need to do anything. The cost of the plan will be included in your tuition and fees at a rate of \$229 per semester. The health insurance coverage for the Fall semester begins August 15, 2006 and extends through January 2, 2007; Spring/Summer semesters health coverage runs from January 3, 2007 through August 15, 2007.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU WILL BE ENROLLED IN THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN IF YOU FAIL TO APPROPRIATELY WAIVE COVERAGE.

Additional university health insurance coverage is available for spouses and/or dependents of covered students. Students desiring to obtain coverage for spouses and/or dependents will be assessed additional premiums for the enhanced coverage.

Full University Health Insurance Plan details will be mailed to your permanent address this summer.

The Sebastian Health Center staff is available to assist you with any questions regarding the waiver or enrollment process, or plan benefits. Please call us at 336.334.7880 or email us at health@ncat.edu.

We look forward to working with you in our continued healthcare partnership.

Sincerely,

Linda R. Wilson

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